

THE COUNCILS.—Board of Aldermen.—The Board met at the usual hour, the President (Mr. Hill) in the chair.

Mr. Fitzpatrick introduced a bill for the relief of Margaret Tighman; referred to the committee on claims.

Also, a joint resolution providing that the two next meetings of the Washington Council shall be on the first and last Tuesday of January next; passed.

Petitions of J. A. Montrose, Henry W. Ferguson and Jno. W. Young, for the remission of fines, were presented and referred.

Mr. Pepper introduced a bill appropriating \$200 for the burial of the out door poor of Washington city.

Mr. Pepper explained that the law called for this appropriation, the amount heretofore appropriated for it being exhausted; bill passed.

Mr. Houston introduced a bill appropriating \$167, to pay the balance due for the new construction of the Columbia Fire Co.; referred to the committee on the fire department.

The Chair laid before the Board a communication from Z. Richards, Secretary, saying that the American Educational Association are about to hold a convention here, and asking to have some provision made for the entertainment of its members; laid on the table.

Mr. Pepper introduced a resolution directing the committee on police to bring in a bill authorizing the Mayor to appoint an inspector of gas.

Mr. Pearson introduced a bill for the relief of Elias E. Barnes (appropriating \$70); bill was passed.

Mr. Pearson offered a joint resolution in-structing the committee representing the in-terest of the corporation to urge on Congress the propriety of removing certain obstructions across Sixth street West; bill passed.

Mr. Pearson reported back from the improve-ments committee, the bill naming an alley in square 494, between 41 street to sixth street West, Front street with amendment; passed.

The bill being then taken up, appropriating \$80 to be refunded to John McGarvey who did not obtain a license for a tavern which he asked. Mr. Clark explained the provision of this bill; which passed.

The bill from the lower board for the con-struction of a new Northern Liberties engine and school house, in one building, (appropriat-ing \$5,000) was then taken up; bill passed.

Also, a lower board's bill making an approp-riation for cleaning alleys and gutters in the second Ward; passed.

Also, a similar bill for the payment of \$92—paying tax in front of public school houses; passed.

Also, a similar bill for additional salaries to the commissioners of the canal; referred to the committee on finance.

Also, a bill increasing the salaries of police. Mr. Bayly moved to make the salary of the deputy police chief \$400, and that of the others \$700, instead of \$300 and \$600 as the bill pro-posed; bill and amendment referred to the police committee.

Also, the bill to increase the salary of the market master of the Centre Market to \$800, the old market master being paid but \$400.

Mr. Evans urged that the bill be put on its passage, contending that the duties now were more onerous than heretofore.

Mr. Bayly argued that the present pay is am-ple sufficient, the market master being em-ployed but three days in the week.

Mr. Clark moved that if this bill were passed it would be just to increase the pay of the as-sistant market master.

Mr. Bayly trusted that such an amendment would be made, as otherwise it was not prob-able that he would be taken care of by the other Board.

Mr. Clark moved an amendment, to increase the salary of the assistant to \$300.

Mr. Evans and Mr. Pepper opposed this proposition as an amendment to the bill; not agreed to—yeas 4, nays 4; as follows:

Yea—Messrs. Bayly, Reed, Fitzpatrick, and Clarke.

Nays—Messrs. Evans, Pepper, Pearson, and Hill.

It was then moved by Mr. Bayly to refer this bill to the committee on finance; agreed to—yeas 5, nays 3.

The bill returned from the lower Board, amended, for paying the south side of square 478, was then taken up, and referred to the improvement committee.

Mr. Fitzpatrick offered a resolution tend-ering the Board's chamber to the American Educational Convention during the last week of December; passed.

The petition of C. Schultz was reported on by Mr. Pearson, from the committee on claims, unfavorably; laid on the table.

Mr. Bayly reported back from the claims committee, the bill for the relief of John Con-sidine; passed.

Mr. Reed reported back from the committee on the fire department the bill for the relief of the Columbia fire company, (noted above); passed.

The Board then adjourned until the first Tuesday in January.

Common Council.—The President in the chair.

Mr. Duncanson presented the petition of Henry Johnson; referred.

Mr. Clements presented a letter from the commissioners of the third and fourth wards; referred.

Mr. Lambberger presented the petition of Harvey Johnson and others; referred.

Mr. Barr, from the committee of Ways and Means, reported the bill from the Board of Aldermen to authorize the temporary appoint-ment of a board of appeals, without amend-ment; referred.

Also, from the same committee, a joint res-olution authorizing the collector to postpone the advertisement of the sale of property for taxes, and recommend that it do not pass; which was unanimously concurred in.

Mr. Ruff, from same committee, reported an act authorizing the Mayor to pay for extra work on the tax-book, and appropriated \$233 33, or as much as may be necessary.

Mr. J. W. Davis remained at the discus-sion which took place in the Board of Alder-men last Monday had created the impression that the work in this office had been delayed in consequence of the late clerical change; but he was prepared to show that such was not the case. The extra force was made nec-essary partly by the sickness of the gen-leman who formerly held the office, who was absent from his duty from the 6th of July, and the clerk did not enter on his duty until the 15th of August. It had always been found necessary to employ extra clerical force at every general assessment and it was more nec-essary at this time than ever before.

Mr. McCauley had often been asked the cause of employing extra clerk hire, and always assigned the reason given by Mr. Davis.

Mr. Walker was astonished that members should be continually making explanations. They were not sent here for that purpose. He had a good reason to rise to a privileged ques-tion, and make an explanation for a scurrilous attack on fact lies—made by old, gray haired men, who published to the world what they knew to be false. He was here to represent the Third Ward, and he intended to do so to the best of his abilities; and if his constitu-ents did not like it they could turn him out. He had been a voter ever since he came to this city, and never had heard so many com-plaints as had been made against this admin-istration. The present Mayor was as good as one as we ever had, and if the officers failed to do their duty he would make them do it as fearlessly as any man that ever filled the office.

The bill was then read a third time, and passed.

Mr. J. W. Davis, from the committee on im-provements, reported a bill for the construc-tion of sewers in the Third Ward; passed.

The bill to grade K street north, Fourth street West, and North Capitol street was passed.

Mr. Killman, from the committee on im-provements, reported a bill for a flag foot way across Maryland avenue and Thirteenth and a-half street; passed.

Mr. Duncanson reported, from the com-mittee of claims, a bill for the relief of Samuel Kerson; passed.

Mr. Clements introduced a bill to construct certain sewers in the Fourth Ward.

Several bills from the Board of Aldermen were taken up and acted upon; among them was a joint resolution, proposing the adjourn-

ment of the two Boards to Tuesday, December 26 and January 2, so as not to meet on Christ-mas and new year's nights; adopted.

A communication was received from the Mayor, notifying the Board of having signed certain bills.

A letter was received from Z. Richards, sec-etary of the American Association for the Advancement of Education; which was read.

Mr. Newman moved to take up joint resolu-tion authorizing the suspension of the ad-vertisement of the sale of property for taxes on Pennsylvania avenue from 17th to 26th streets. The joint resolution was rejected.

The bill for the relief of John Caton was taken up and passed.

Mr. McCauley introduced a joint resolution making an application to Congress to improve Virginia avenue; passed.

Mr. Don introduced a resolution tend-ering the Council Chambers to the American As-sociation for the advancement of education for purpose of holding its meetings; which was unanimously passed.

On motion of Mr. Duncanson the bill to pay for certain printing, was taken up, when Mr. Bamberger moved the following amend-ment:

That the Mayor be, and he is hereby au-thorized to contract with the American Organ (a newspaper published in the city of Wash-ington) for the publication of the proceedings of the Board of Aldermen and Common Council, provided the same shall not exceed the sum of one hundred dollars per annum.

And be it further enacted, That the Mayor be authorized to contract also with the same papers for the publication of all other matters which may, from time to time, be or-dered to be published, including all advertise-ments and tax-sales, provided the same shall be charged for according to the established rates of the paper for advertising.

Upon this amendment, the yeas and nays were asked, and, being taken, was decided in the affirmative—yeas 16, nays 3, as follows:

Yea—Messrs. Newman, Kelly, Don, Plant, Walker, J. W. Davis, Ball, Clements, Kill-man, McCauley, Cross, Ruff, Stewart, Smith, Bamberger, and Pearson.

Nay—Messrs. Barr, Duncanson, and Gill.

The Board adjourned till Tuesday, the 26th instant.

DID HIM BROWN.—A very worthy young gentleman who bears the name of Ross Kemp, Esq., yesterday arrived in Washington from his home on the verdant Eastern Shore of Virginia. He at once started out "sight seeing," and after gazing over the curiosities in the Patent Office for some time, a gentleman in-terposed himself to him and offered to chaperon him around among the note worthy objects of the Federal city. So they started for the Washington Monument. There they picked up a third of their creature, who, after a while, proposed the "patent safe" game, which Mr. Kemp, Eastern Shore bid at the tune of twenty-five dollars. The scam with the safe, after get-ting the money into his possession, went off, and his accomplice followed, being evidently highly indignant at the outrageous manner in which his new found friend had been swindled. The latter, in obedience to the advice of the former, waited for his return in vain until his patience was exhausted. On going to his quarters he received a letter from his friend, Eastern Shore, who begged him to return, so pocket his loss, but his griet was too great; so information of it got to the Star. The thieves generously left him four dollars. His purpose was to have spent a week here, but he must now forego it, we presume. Our advice is, that he shall step into our office, and sub-scribe forthwith for the Weekly Star. He cannot make a better investment out of the four dollars so generously left in his pocket, in view of the fact that he may hereafter again venture from home.

A SAD CASE.—The visitors to the guard house this morning witnessed a sad case, it appears that an old man named Connell, is passing along our streets, saw his wife in the charge of an officer, who was conveying her to the workhouse, to which she had been committed on account of some misdemeanor; upon ascertaining how matters stood, he in-duced the officer to return to the guard house, where he paid costs, and had her discharged.

Connell, in the presence of a number of per-sons, declared he was from that time out ever done with his wife. She was the cause of the troubles of his old age, instead of being to him a help meet and comfort, with quiv-ering lip and tearful eye, touched the hearts of those who heard him. He rejected all propositions to take the erring wife home, saying he never would live with her again.

They were both taken to the watch house the night previous for disturbing the neigh-borhood in which they live. Connell is 61 years old, and his wife about 50.

CRIMINAL COURT.—United States vs. Caspar Seibel, tried yesterday for an attempt at rape on a child three years old. Key for prop-ecution and Ratcliffe for defence. Acquitted.

United States vs. negro John Kelly, alias Callas, larceny. Mason for prisoner. Not guilty.

United States vs. negro James Butler, lar-ceny. Mason for defence. Guilty.

United States vs. Isaac B. Crook, larceny. Pleas for acquittal. Guilty, but recom-mended to the mercy of the Court.

To-day, Kitty Matthews, charged with lar-ceny, was found guilty. The man accus-ing her, Stephen F. Lucas, charged with forgery, was being tried when we went to press. He appears for himself assisted by Mr. Ratcliffe on law points.

CIRCUIT COURT.—The case of Nelson vs. Cornell, petition for free dom, was in prog-ress to-day. Both parties are colored.

SELDEN & WITHERS.—The Washington cor-respondent of the Alexandria Sentinel says: A friend of mine had \$4,700 deposited with the concern known as the Exchange Bank; and on failing to get his money here, attached the property of John Withers in St. Louis, Missouri. The property attached, is probably worth from forty to fifty thousand dollars, and as it cannot be assigned while the attachment is upon it, it will give others an opportunity to recover their just dues. I un-derstand a venerable and distinguished old soldier, and now an esteemed Senator, has lost a large amount by misplaced confidence in the same concern.

PIPE-LAYING.—We notice that the workmen of the Gas Company have started a new job of ditching for laying pipe. They began at the corner of Seventh street and the Avenue, and continued down Seventh street toward the Canal. The gas is being carried to every sec-tion of the city—the frost in the earth, nor the season creates any obstacle to the workmen. The greatest objections are the mud, the length of time the ditches are open, and the pavements being removed.

WIFE WHIPPED.—Jeremiah Calahan was taken to the guard house last night for whip-ping his wife. From the evidence it appears that she has been from the time of her mar-riage, coming home drunk last night, began to beat her and the children. He knocked her down, and kicked her over the eye, bruising her very badly. Mr. J. J. Mulloy, hearing the fracas, ran in the house, and seizing Calahan, threw him out. The officers arrested him, and this morning he was sent to jail.

CONCERTS FOR THE POOR.—The concert by the Union Choir Association, for the benefit of the poor, which was announced to take place on the 20th instant, has been postponed until Friday evening, the 29th instant, in conse-quence of the impossibility of finishing the new hall in the Smithsonian by the time first announced. The rehearsal last night was well attended, and the quartettes by the Foundry and Wesley Chapel choirs finely executed.

The concert by the Philharmonic Society, for the same object, will be given Thursday evening, the 29th of January.

A TEST CASE.—This morning, a warrant was issued by Justice Goldard, at the suit of Lieut. Woodhall, against Selder, Withers & Co. for the amount of five dollars on an exchange Bank note. We do not see why a claim of this kind is not as good as any other. If Mr. Woodhall succeeds in his suit, it will be fol-lowed by hundreds of others.

Do not fail to visit Odd Fellows' Hall this week. Thousands can tell you why.

ON THE ISLAND.—The panorama of New York city gives its last exhibition at Island Hall this evening.

DELINQUENT TAX PAYERS.—Those who are interested in the advertisement soon to be made by the Collector had better give him an early call, or they will find their property adver-tised for sale for the non-payment of taxes. The Board of Common Council, at its session last night, unanimously refused to postpone the advertisement of the sale of this property.

A FREE ENTERTAINMENT.—Those disposed to enjoy fine music will remember that the new musical society, under the lead of Professor Schoening, whose fine concert, not long since, we made a few remarks some days ago, will meet again this evening for practice in the music school of Hilltop. This, at 7 p. m., for those who admire capital instrumentation cannot pass an hour more agreeably than by stepping in there in the course of the evening.

THE BALL.—The ball at Jackson Hall last evening was a fine affair. The members of the club exerted themselves to make it as pleasant as possible, and they succeeded to the satisfaction of all present. The merry dance was kept up till a late hour this morn-ing, when the company separated, much pleased with the entertainment.

SNEPPIN' vs. CAMERON.—The jury in this case being unable to agree, were discharged yesterday afternoon after having been out since Thursday last. It is understood around the court-house, that they went out eleven to one, and remained so divided until they were discharged. Mr. Milburn seems to be regard-ed as the gentleman who was in the minority of one.

AT ALEXANDRIA.—The panorama of New York city commences its exhibitions at Liberty Hall to-morrow (Wednesday) evening at 7 o'clock.

MARRIED.—On Sunday, the 17th inst., by the very Rev. Bishop Costery, in the Cathedral, Baltimore, WM. GIL-AM HAM SCOTT, Esq., of Washington, and MISS ANNA VIRGINIA DEVLIN, of the same place, daughter of Lieut. Devlin, late of the Marine Corps.

On the 14th instant, by the Rev. S. A. Marks, MALACIA FARR, Esq., to Miss AMELIA E. OWENS, of the District of Columbia.

On the 18th instant, by the same, Mr. LEVI G. KING, to Miss REBECCA JONES, of the same place.

DIED.—On Sunday afternoon at 6 o'clock, of croup and convulsions, EVA ESTELLE, youngest daughter of William and Emina Worrell, aged 20 months and 13 days.

Then lay her there, our darling,
Within the cold, cold grave,
Then lay her where the willow tree
And heretofore brought to wave.

Then pass on from that silent place,
With hearts bowed 'neath the rod,
And give our Eva, our idol one,
With weeping, up to God.

Boarding.—Mrs. Ellen Smith informs her friends and the public, that her large and com-modious house, No. 122, Pennsylvania avenue, ad-joining the "Beech Building," having been thoroughly renovated during the summer, she is now prepared to accommodate either families or single gentlemen with comfort and economy, at a price to suit the times. Mr. Smith assures her friends that no pains will be spared to render all who favor her with their patronage, with the com-fort and convenience of a home. dec 19-31

ROOMS AND BOARD.—SEVERAL LARGE AND comfortable furnished rooms for families or single gentlemen, with or without board, to be let at MRS. HALL'S, No. 452 Thirteenth street. nov 29-1m

Wanted.—By a Young Woman fully competent to do the housework, a situation to do the general housework of a small family, of good character, given. Enquire for "A," at his time. 15

SERVANTS WANTED FOR 1856 IN ALEXAN-dria county, Va.—The undersigned wishes to hire or the year 1856, at his residence in Alexandria county, Virginia, a negro Man, Boy, and Woman. The best of character, and accustomed to farm work, and the Woman to cooking and washing. The tent and faithful servants will find a good home with him. These having such servants, which they desire to hire in Alexandria county, will please send in their list, or by letter, as soon as possible, to the undersigned at the Star office, Washington city. dec 16-1f

WANTED.—BY A GENTLEMAN WELL SET IN a single employment, after 12 m, employment as a copyist. Having some knowledge of mercantile ac-counts, would not object to taking charge of a set of books. Address HENRY through the Post Office. dec 16-31

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